



Horizons Enhanced Equal Weight Canadian Banks Covered Call ETF (BKCL)

Market Overview

Canadian equities, as measured by the S&P/TSX Capped Composite Index, returned 6.76% in the first quarter (Q1) of 2024. The significant positive performing sectors were Industrials, Information Technology, and Energy, while the bottom 3 performing sectors were Real Estate, Consumer Staples and Consumer Discretionary.

The Bank of Canada (BoC) held its target overnight interest rate at 5% as it continued its quantitative tightening policy. In the fourth quarter (Q4) of 2023, the economy grew more than expected although still being below its long-run potential. Inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) eased to 2.9% in January, and the BoC expects inflation to remain at this level for the first half of the year before easing. It is seeking further easing in core inflation as it continues to work towards its goal of restoring price stability.

Although initially trending downwards, Canadian bank stocks took an upward turn toward the second part of the quarter; the Solactive Equal Weight Canada Banks Index returned 6.77% over the period. Most of Canada's big banks posted solid Q1 earnings except for BMO, which missed both revenue and earnings per share (EPS) expectations.

Quarter in Review

The fund targets 125% exposure to the Horizons Equal Weight Canadian Bank Covered Call ETF (BKCC) (*currently known as Global X Equal Weight Canadian Bank Covered Call ETF*) before funding fees and therefore, results in the same equity and option exposure as BKCC.

Please reference the BKCC Management Report of Fund Performance for its Portfolio Review.

Outlook and Positioning

Into the next quarter, the covered call strategy is favourably positioned to potentially provide value from a yield, hedging and upside capture perspective in the current environment. Each month, call options are dynamically written on the underlying stocks held by the ETF. In Q1, the fund wrote slightly out-of-the-money (OTM) options on each of its underlying securities, which yielded roughly 8% each month for Q1. The premiums generated from the option writing strategy have remained steady for the last year and may continue for the next quarter.

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